

BOTTOM of the table Wycombe Wanderers have arranged two Premier Midweek Floodlight League matches this week. Tomorrow (Wednesday) the Blues travel to the Meadow for their return with Chesham United and then the following night (Thursday) they are at home to Banbury United.

Due to the Amateur Cup final between Bishop's Stortford and Ilford on Saturday, there will be no Rothmans Isthmian League fixtures — which is why Wycombe are staging two matches in two days. Originally, the Blues were to meet Northern Leaguers North Shields on Friday evening but Shields were forced to cancel the game.

Wokingham's recent 3-1 victory over Section A leaders Chesham took them off the basement and Wanderers, who have only played four matches, therefore dropped one place to bottom. Apart from the two clubs previously mentioned, they have to meet Maidenhead away on April 22 (Monday), Wokingham away on May 2 (Thursday) and Marlow twice, at home on Monday, May 13 and away on Monday, May 20.

If successful in all these

remaining fixtures, the Blues could amass 16 points and top the section. Their chief contenders for the leadership will be Banbury United who have ten points at present. Thursday's game could well decide the section winners.

But that will be as far as the competition goes this season. Due to the electricity ban earlier in the term, the vast majority of clubs were unable to fulfil their fixtures and are currently whittling down their backlog. The league feel there will not be time to stage the section play-offs to determine who takes the trophy this year and will probably provide salvers for the section winners.

So, for the second year running, the Blues have missed out on the chance to lift the superb P.M.F.L. Cup. Last season they finished their midweek programme well ahead of the other sections and indeed, reached the final of the competition after beating Horsham 3-0. The other clubs in the other semi-final, however, were unable to play off and after long discussions, the league decided to award each section winner a silver salver.

Wanderers have already met Chesham in the P.M.F.L. this term at Loakes Park where they drew 1-1. Mick Holifield equalising Gordon Taylor's first half penalty. Keith Searle made his first appearance on the field for five months coming on as substitute for the final 15 minutes.

Keith could well play in this week's matches but is likely to take things easy for a while. Derek Gamblin, who announced his retirement from the game at the end of the season, last week, may also make an appearance. Derek has said he will only be available for midweek matches due to business pressures.

Ian Rundle, however, who played throughout the Walthamstow game with a back injury, is unlikely to be in action this week.